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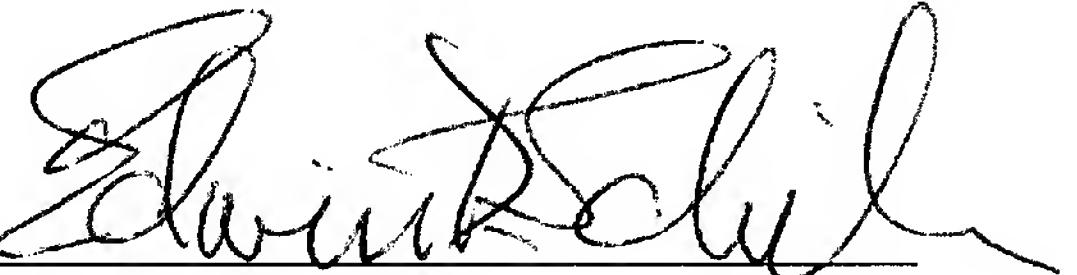
Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), for a one-month extension, until Monday, November 9, 2009, in which to file an *Amendment in Response to the Final Office Action*, dated July 7, 2009, for the above-identified patent application.

The shortened statutory period for response expired on October 7, 2009. The requisite fee of \$65.00 (small entity) is being concurrently remitted via EFT.

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